

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Noboru MAKI et al.
Title: HBV PRECORE PROTEIN HAVING A
PARTICLE-FORMING ABILITY
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present National Stage Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: